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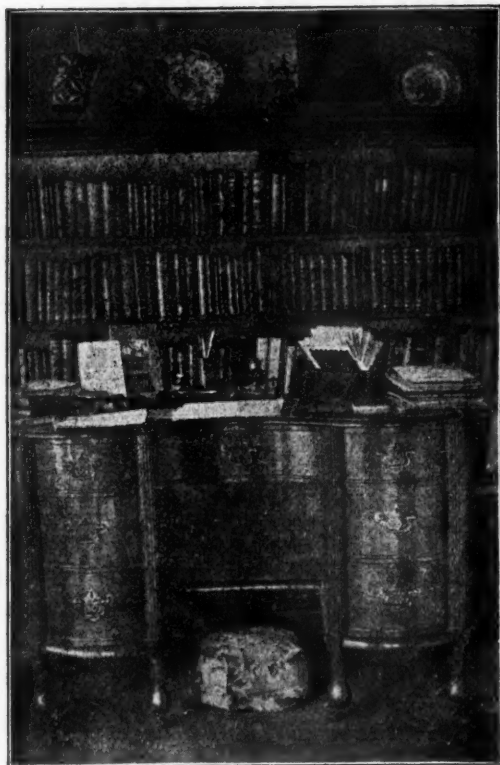
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"A Prayer"

WE ENTREAT THEE, O GOD OF ALL WISDOM AND FOUNTAIN OF ALL GOODNESS, THAT THOU WILT SHOW US THE RIGHT WAY, AND INCLINE US STEADILY AND FAITHFULLY TO WALK IN IT. . . . TEACH US TO PRIZE HONOR MORE THAN COMFORT, AND USEFULNESS TO OUR FELLOW-MEN MORE THAN THEIR FAVOR. LIFT US ABOVE A WEAK OR WICKED FEAR OF HUMAN OPINIONS. SET US FREE FROM FOOLISH FASHIONS AND WRONG CUSTOMS. GRANT US PATIENCE WHENEVER WE ARE PROVOKED, COURAGE WHEN WE ARE READY TO DESPAIR, AND PERSEVERANCE UNTO THE END. MAY NOTHING EVER SEEM TOO HARD FOR US TO DO OR TO SUFFER, IN FOLLOWING HIM, OUR CRUCIFIED AND GLORIFIED MASTER WHO BORE THE CROSS AND LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US. AND THIS WE BEG IN THE NAME OF HIM, OUR REDEEMER, WHO, WITH THEE AND THE HOLY GHOST, LIVETH AND REIGNETH, OUR GOD, WORLD WITHOUT END.

—BISHOP F. D. HUNTINGTON.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Friends representing many a State, from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, also friends from India, called at our sanctum in August. Several said, "I shall be more interested in the *HELPER* hereafter." It is pleasant to meet, face to face, those whom we have long known as fellow-workers. The story of those meetings at Ocean Park, in which our readers are especially interested, will be told in October. . . . Here is an item from an exchange that will be appreciated by *HELPER* agents: "One excuse for not taking the magazine was, 'There is no need for any but the officers of the missionary society to take the magazine.' I suggested that the mayor and town council should be the only ones to take the local papers, and we could go to them for the

news!" . . . A clergyman wrote last month: "The *HELPER* has just come, reminding us, among other good things, how much we have to thank God for in our mission field." We are very glad that we have the promise of future articles from Mr. Wyman, after his return to India, giving the latest causes for thanksgiving. . . . Isn't it interesting to follow those two days of work, as outlined in "From the Field," so far removed from each other, yet each so vitally a part of the great work for the Master? . . . Those are good suggestions for a roll-call and membership meeting, and we hope they will be widely followed. The October meeting is of peculiar importance, not only for securing new members and for strengthening ties already formed, but also for introducing the work and study for the coming year. . . . Attention is called to the program for annual meeting at Somersworth, N. H., October 11 and 12. Will you not make a special effort to be there? . . . We quietly celebrated our treasurer's, Miss DeMeritte's, sixtieth birthday on the ninth of August, wishing her many happy returns, and thanking

God for the abundant faith and works in her beautiful life which has meant so much to the Woman's Missionary Society. A gentleman sent ten dollars to the W. M. S. in honor of the event. . . . Miss Scott wrote from Balasore, July 5 : " We are not having very much rain yet, but it is much cooler, and everything is looking so fresh ! Rice seed is springing up over the fields, covering them with a beautiful shade of green, and giving promise of a plentiful harvest. Yesterday was the Jaganath Car Festival, which thousands of devotees celebrated all over India. Special trains of all sorts, packed full of people, have been passing through here on the way to Puri for weeks, and now it is over and there is only a wooden idol left. Mrs. Lougher gave a very nice afternoon tea party yesterday in honor of the Fourth of July. Dr. Mary Bachelier wrote on the 6th : " I went up to Calcutta to the missionary conference this week, and was one of twenty-two at the Jewsons' to celebrate the Fourth (Mrs. Jewson was Miss Mollie Miller, once of our mission). Had a fine time." . . . Mrs. Burkholder, writing to Mrs. Wade of Maine about a visit to her home something over thirty years ago, says : " You will remember it was the year we were trying to start the HELPER. After making a tour among several of the churches we met again, and by that time the response to our call had been so hearty that it was thought safe for us to launch the little wee one, and what a real helper it has proved to be ! Surely God led us every step of the way. Mrs. Brewster mothered it, and dear Mrs. Hills watched over it so tenderly. Now both of them watch us from the other shore. One by one the loved ones are passing over. The attractions are growing stronger over there. It truly is the life more abundant." . . . An officer in sending the name of one who has recently passed on, for " In Memoriam " writes : " She was a most useful member of our W. M. S. Her loss is a real one to many interests." It appealed to the editor as a beautiful thing to so live that this could be sincerely said of one ; and then it occurred to her that the most beautiful thing is the fact that it could be truthfully said of so many of our local auxiliary members. . . . At the annual meeting of the New Hampshire W. M. S. it was voted to arrange a HELPER leaflet for the use of the HELPER agents in the State. This is an excellent plan. May it be very successful. Will you not *all* make a special appeal and special effort for our magazine in connection with the October membership meeting ? . . . STORER RECORD for July is a very interesting number, including, among other good things, a report of commencement exercises, with cuts of the new Industrial Hall and a class in carpentry. . . . " This is the blessedness of communion—that in communion we really, as Christ says, drink his spiritual life. You may say it is mystical. True, all life is mystical, nor can we understand it. But you know it is a fact ; you know that your own soul is quickened and refreshed by communion, and Christ interprets that quickening when he says that it is his life, the life of his spirit, that thus touches and refreshes us."

SUGGESTIONS FOR A ROLL-CALL AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

BY M. A. W. B.

In a roll-call meeting it is desirable to have a long roll to call and a large number of responses. To insure these conditions there must be preparatory work. Let the officers, membership, and program committees meet together and pray for the success of the meeting; then make a list of the members who do not come often, those who do not come at all, but who may, perhaps, be influenced to come, and the strangers who have lately moved into the church neighborhood. Divide the names among those present, so that all of these people may be called on before the meeting. Make the call full of social kindness and sympathy, and before leaving give the hostess a hearty invitation to attend the missionary meeting. If there is some particularly diffident stranger, offer to call for her.

The Sunday previous to the meeting have the notice given out from the pulpit in as cordial and enthusiastic manner as possible, and let each member of the committee distribute cards on which she has written "Welcome to our roll-call and membership meeting," with place and date. These will serve as an invitation or gentle reminder.

The next thing is to make the meeting something worth while,—a cordial greeting at the door, rooms made cheerful with flowers, a good program. Curios from the mission stations, showing the customs and dress of the people we are trying to uplift, are interesting and instructive. Specimens of our leaflets and the *MISSIONARY HELPER* may be used to advantage. When the roll is called each one may give some helpful passage of Scripture, poem, or item. A concise, entertaining outline of the book to be studied in the Interdenominational Mission Course makes a good foundation for the year's study.

It is helpful and pleasant to follow the program with a social hour. It gives opportunity to introduce the strangers and to ask them to join the society, and creates a feeling of good fellowship. This has been tried in one society with good results.

Hillsdale, Mich.

SILVER BAY CONFERENCE

BY ALICE D. ESTEN.

The cause of missions and of the missionary must have been greatly stimulated by the recent conference held at Silver Bay, Lake George, N. Y., July 21 to 30, under the auspices of the Young People's Missionary Movement. This conference was attended by 603 delegates, representing 16 denominations; 61 of

these were pastors and 12 were missionaries.

Each morning at 8.15 a volunteer meeting was held for missionaries, board secretaries, and student volunteers. Each day also, except Sundays, at 9 o'clock, a missionary institute was held, when the field and the worker were discussed; plans formulated for mission study classes in the cities, and the districts outside the cities as well. Missionary meetings and missionary libraries and literature were given a place. "The Sunday School and Missions" was the subject for one institute hour, and also of a very fundamental and scholarly address by Dr. Goucher of Baltimore. The last session of the institute had for its subject "Prayer and Missions."

Mission study classes, both home and foreign, were held at 10 o'clock for an hour.

Of the platform addresses delivered by secretaries of both home and foreign mission boards, returned missionaries, and other workers, I can say nothing here except that they were given the undivided attention of that large audience who sat, note-book in hand, ready to take down as much as they possibly could.

A large and comprehensive missionary exhibit was held, consisting of maps, charts, scrolls, etc.; curios, photographs, and literature. In connection with the exhibit there was a daily program of short addresses by returned missionaries. The afternoons were devoted to recreation.

Vesper service was held at 7.30, followed by denominational group meetings.
Providence, R. I.

In Memoriam

"I long for household voices gone,
For vanished smiles I long,
But God hath led my dear ones on,
And he can do no wrong.

"I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies."

Mrs. Lydia H. Holman, Pascoag, R. I.

Mrs. Martha S. Herrick, Champlin, Minn., July 11, 1905.

Mrs. Miriam F. Straight, Hillsdale, Mich., July 23, 1905.

Mrs. Sarah E. Shumway, Fairfield, Mich., Dec. 3, 1904.

NOTE.—When a member of an auxiliary passes on, it is fitting that her name, place of residence, and date of death should appear under "In Memoriam." Resolutions and obituaries are not printed in the HELPER.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will be held at Somersworth, N. H., Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 11 and 12.

BOARD MEETING.

Wednesday, 2 P. M.

Meeting of the Board of Managers. Open to friends.

Thursday, 9 A. M.

Devotional, led by Mrs. Lizzie A. Sanborn, Loudon, N. H.

Reports of secretaries, treasurer, and committees.

Thursday Afternoon.

Devotional, led by Miss Alma M. Cousins, Steep Falls, Me.

Business: Report of the Joint Committee in reply to our action in May.
Election of officers.

Thursday Evening, 7.30.

Prayer.

Music.

Presentation of the home work, by Mrs. M. S. Thomas, Saco, Me. (It is possible that Mrs. Harriet Phillips Stone and Mrs. Mary R. Phillips may be present and speak of our foreign work.)

Awarding the silver necklet, Miss L. A. DeMeritte.

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

WHAT WE HAVE TO THANK GOD FOR IN MIDNAPORE DISTRICT

II

BY REV. HERBERT E. WYMAN

Boboigardia is one of our older outposts. It has furnished us with Khirod Das, a recent graduate of the Bible School, and with Jhampard Santara, our most successful evangelist. The land here is not fertile and there is much malaria, so that the population is constantly decreasing. We have still a small village left after several migrations of Christians at various times. I think the religious interest has been better here during the last three years than for some time.

Kala Matia. This is a new outpost not far from Boboigardia. I understand that several families were baptized here recently. Hridoy Pator, a recent graduate of the Bible School, has been located here by the home missionary society, who have erected buildings for his use and for school purposes. This is a matter of great interest, and a cause for thanksgiving. Our native brethren are sharing

in our joys and sorrows in true missionary enterprise.

Palasbani. This outstation has furnished us with two preachers, Kailash Mahapatra and Amrit Maity. These two are sons of two brothers who owed their conversion to a single tract. There are a few Christian people here who make an interesting little church.

Satbankara is an outpost where a preacher has been located and a school opened to reach a circle of large villages twenty miles north of Midnapore.

Chundrakona is the first of a line of outposts that we expect to run through our mission field to the north and northeast. It is located twenty-eight miles northeast from Midnapore. The work here is interesting but hard, yet it opens up the way to four other cities that we must reach with our outposts before our responsibility to preach the gospel can be met.

Kharagpur. Here we have a flourishing native church under the care of Kailash Mahapatra. It is entirely self-supporting. Recent reports show that other churches will probably be organized in the near future in this city of many languages.

4. Our Christian institutions in connection with the Bengali work are worthy of attention.

The Phillips Bible School is meeting the needs of the entire field in furnishing theological training of the young men who desire to fit themselves for the ministry, and bring satisfactory proof from their respective churches that they have received a call to that work. The school is becoming more efficient each year. Mr. Murphy is principal of the school, and has labored hard to build it up. Graduates every year attest to the fact that the school is regarded favorably by our churches. Samuel Das is the efficient assistant teacher. His influence over the young men is very good. Parents and friends of the young men attending the school are glad to entrust them to his care.

The Boys' School. By means of a combine with the government college in the city our students have the advantage of passing from the primary grade into the fitting department of the college, with time allowed them for Christian training with the missionary. This not only enlarges the opportunities of our students, but reduces the cost of our school.

Our Girls' School. The number of girls in this school has increased to fifty-eight, and a government grant in aid to the school has been secured. It is intended to make this school so efficient that we shall no longer need to send our Christian girls to Calcutta for a high school education. Mrs. Murphy has the care of this school as well as of

The Kindergarten. This is now the largest kindergarten in the mission field. There are eighty-six pupils. The kindergarten took the prize in the

industrial exhibition of our mission field, and received high commendation from the English inspector of schools.

Village Schools. We have day schools under mission supervision at Bhanga Mada, Satbankara, Chundrakona, and there are others that I will endeavor to report later. Miss Butts has some sixteen others under her care. She also devotes some of her time in training the wives of the married students in our Bible School.

Zenana Work. In this department there are fifteen teachers with 165 pupils. This work is cared for by Dr. Mary Bacheler during the absence of Miss Coombs.

Medical Work. Dr. Mary Bacheler has an extensive practice that is due in part to the many years of faithful work of her father, Dr. O. R. Bacheler, and to her own skillful and sympathetic work as a physician.

Sunday Schools. These we consider the most interesting and effective efforts of our Christian churches and people for the conversion of their neighbors. We have over five hundred children in the Bengali department of the work under Christian training and influence. and this work is full of promise for the future.

The English work at Kharagpur can teach us many reasons for thanksgiving. I hope that Rev. and Mrs. Oxrieder who have the charge of this new and important work will furnish a chapter to add to the reasons for thanking our Lord for results.

I have but briefly outlined the work, and feel but partially satisfied with what I have accomplished in these items. My absence of two years from the field causes me to feel antiquated and out of touch with the facts of progress. There is a steady, substantial progress, for which let us be duly thankful, and look to the Giver of all good things for still greater blessings while we show our interest by offering more men, prayers, and money for this great enterprise of the church of Christ.

MOTHERS, LISTEN

MOTHERS, sitting happily beside the nursery light,
 Little ones about you; will you not, to-night,
 As you bend to kiss them, smoothing tangled curls,
 Breathe a prayer for India — India's hapless girls!
 Children, yet unchildlike! strange, misshapen lives,
 Bartered and bound and blighted — India's infant wives?

Mothers, with children kneeling with reverent folded hands,
 Comes to your heart no feeling for those in the far-off lands
 Who pray to the bestial Krishna? — no one has told them, you know,
 Of the kind, compassionate Jesus who loved the little ones so —
 No one has whispered the message so sweetly, so tenderly given;
 They never have dreamed that as "children" we enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mother, with no dear one sleeping close to thy tender breast,
 Mother, art thou weeping? And still, God knoweth best.
 It is well with thy child; but kneeling there by her tear-wet grave,
 Pray, pray for the children of India, flung to the Ganges' wave —
 Innocent, helpless, victims. Oh, women of free, sweet lives,
 Open your hearts to India — India's widows and wives!

Mothers, when in the dawning you bend for the kisses sweet,
 Smiling at joyous laughter, the patter of gladsome feet,
 Will you think of a mother of India selling away from its home
 A child like to these — a poor, frightened mite — helpless, alone?
 Marriage! Ah, hateful mockery! Passion and murder and blight —
 God of the weak and defenceless, send, oh, send India light!

—Mrs. L. H. Drake.

THE FATE OF INDIA'S WOMEN

"Because the women and girls can no longer be burnt and strangled, is our work for the rescue of Indian womanhood finished?"

That is the question asked by Sir Andrew Wingate in a powerful article in the June number of *The Zenana or Woman's Work for India*, from which we quote, by kind permission of the editor. It comes at the close of a brief review of the protection already afforded to the women of India through the action of the government. The murderous funeral fire no longer devours the defenceless widows of the land—it was put out after William Carey had fought against it for thirty years, and that other great crime against womanhood—female infanticide—has almost ceased to be in consequence of the vigorous measures adopted by the administration of the present day.

But because those things have been put right is there nothing else to do? Sir Andrew Wingate shows that the very suppression of these evils brings vast responsibilities in its train. "Instead of dead women and girls, there stands to-day a great and increasing army of nearly 26,000,000 widows in India. Think of it! And 19,487 are under the age of five years and over 115,000 are less than ten years old,—115,000 children, who have never seen a husband, or let us hope they never have, and yet doomed to a life, at the best, of servitude and despair, in so far as they belong to the higher ranks of society, but in too many cases of cruelty and shame. It is reasonable to conclude that the heart of man toward the woman is not changed, and she, alas! has scarcely the desire and certainly has not the power to raise herself. Because the women and girls can no longer be burnt and strangled, is our work for the rescue of Indian womanhood finished?"

THE QUESTION ANSWERED.

Sir Andrew Wingate continues : " If you have not already read Miss Wilson Carmichael's book, ' Things As They Are in S. India,' I respectfully ask you to get the book and read it, and then read it again. Some things which she describe are, I venture to think, better in some other parts of our great empire, but I seek earnest attention to this book because, as did William Carey, so now Miss Carmichael raises her voice in horror and loud protest against the evil rampant in India to-day, namely, the delivery of female children to the temple, to be married to the idol or to be adopted by temple or dancing women ; in other words, delivered to the unutterable lust of men. Look at the photograph of the Brahman priest which faces page 221 of the book and imagine the rest. I am thankful for the book for this one thing, that it will stir and burn into the conscience of every right-thinking man and woman till this great sin is suppressed by inquiry and inspection. Already a lady, writing in Canada, after alluding to the pages about ' little dead wives ' and ' married to a god,' exclaims (she will forgive me for this unauthorized quotation), ' O the pity of them ! Surely there is no need of hell while earth shall last. May Canada send at least one woman to work exclusively among the temple girls ! '

" It would be sad indeed had I nothing more to add. The husbandman sows his seeds and next year he reaps. The nation begets children, but it must wait for years to see the result. In India, as I have visited schools or orphanages or churches filled with numbers of children growing up under Christian influences, I have slowly come to the conclusion that the great pioneer missionaries were right when they turned from the adult population and devoted their strength to the children.

" A great and continuing truth is taught as we read the story of the death in the wilderness of the entire generation who refused to make the effort necessary to possess the promised land, or even to believe that it was any better than the Egyptian bondage from which they were being delivered. This is one reason why progress in India is slow. The generations of yesterday and of to-day must die, but their children will accept the new life. A nation advances only by generations. These children, as I saw them, will each one of them become a disintegrating force and a center from which the healing influence will spread all over the diseased surface.

" Once more let us pass on. Sir John Strachey told us that India's voice is silent. But to-day a younger generation is beginning to speak, and the word will take root in a rising generation. In December of last year the Hon. Mr Justice Chandawarkar, who not long ago, in Bengal, pleaded against the horribl

custom of child-marriage, addressed the Indian Social Conference at Madras. He pointed out how they were being aroused by the census statistics to the widespread evil of infant matrimony, especially little girls wedded to old men. He hoped that the custom was falling into disrepute. But he found the child-widow a more difficult question, and he did not hesitate to tell his Hindu countrymen that unless they would progress with the strenuous life of the rest of the world and protect and honor their womanhood, they must be content to hear that they are not fit company for the superior races. And he used these remarkable words: 'Before any particular reform there must be reform of the heart and mind. Customs are merely the symbols which help for the purpose of diagnosing the disease.'

"About the same time another Bombay high court judge, the Hon. Mr. Justice Tyabji, was addressing the Mohammedan Educational Conference at Bombay, and both he and H. H. the Aga Khan contended in very forcible language that the main cause of the decadence of the Mohammedans is their insistence on the seclusion of their women. The constant imprisonment in confined rooms and courtyards deprived their women of air and exercise, and disabled them from giving birth to strong and vigorous children, while the denial of education to their girls condemned their boys to move among women who have never been benefited by high moral and intellectual training. And so the Mohammedans must remain, till they relax the purdah system, a backward, half-educated, and enfeebled race.

"Can anything be plainer than these utterances of the foremost Indians to their compatriots and co-religionists? Do the speeches not read like Rudyard Kipling's famous indictment? 'The matter with this country is an all-round entanglement of physical, social, and moral evils and corruption, all more or less due to the unnatural treatment of women . . . Half of it is morally dead and worse than dead, and that is just the half from which we have a right to look for the best impulses.'

"Is the language exaggerated? Can anything be more pathetic than the advice which the enlightened Gaekwar of Baroda gave to his son and heir only the other day on the occasion of the young prince's wedding? 'Let your first duty be to educate your young wife, that she may be a fit companion and help to you in your future life.' His Highness could not find an educated girl of the rank required. O the pity of it!

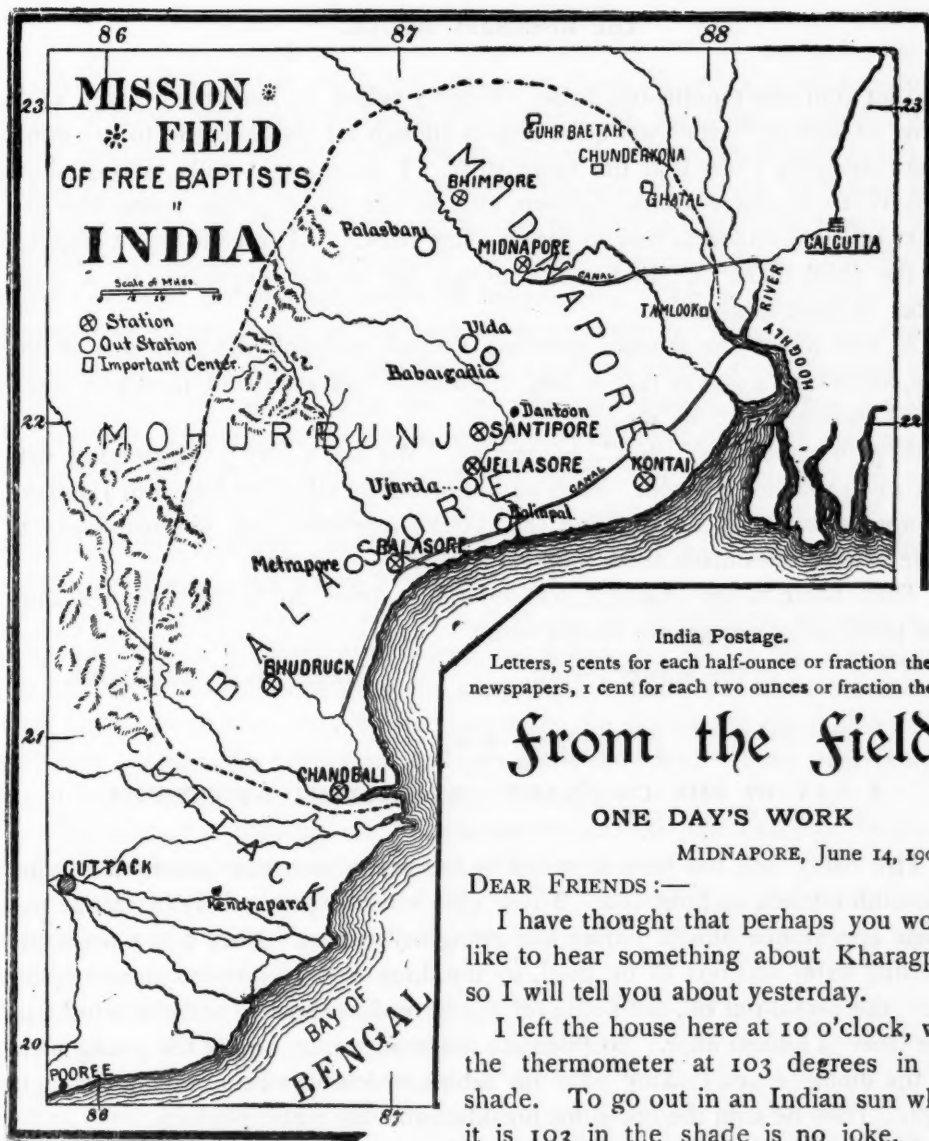
"Yet it is not strange. Out of some 17,000,000 girls of a school-going age less than 400,000 attend school, or only some 2.3 per cent. Whereas nearly one boy in four goes to school in Bombay, or, for all of India, 20 per cent, and con-

sidering that the great majority of girls at school leave almost before they can read, owing to this pernicious system of child-matrimony, it is not wonderful that the highly educated Indian youths, leaving the university, crave an educated woman as their companion. These men are, however, well aware that mere education will not give them what they need. They wish an education that will build up character, and therefore it is that the mission schools and colleges find no lack of pupils. Therefore it is that the men open their zenanas to the mission ladies. It is because the parents experience that Christian teachers impart a new standard of right and wrong to their children, which introduces a new fragrance into their own homes. In Bombay and Calcutta you may now see high schools and colleges full of Indian girls, some pursuing the university course, who are about to exercise a mighty influence on another generation.

"I have tried to trace the progress made in the release of India's womanhood since Carey lifted up his hand to heaven in protest against murder in the name of religion, till now Miss Carmichael has used her gifted pen against dedicating little girls to a life of infamy in the name of religion. It is a noble conflict, and only those who do not know and do not care to inquire can allow themselves to say that a religion which destroys womanhood, body and soul, and which protests not, is as good as Christianity, which is making the womanhood of England and America the great power for good which it is to-day.

"It is noticeable that the government of India, though perforce lagging behind, is, in the long run, the co-laborer with the missionary. It must be so, because the government is, after all, the exponent of the strenuous determination of a great Christian nation to do its best for the people for whom it is responsible. The missionaries have worked for a century past for the redemption of women, and with what great promise for the future is abundantly evident, because the Indian women, when emancipated, are gracious, intellectual, capable, and lovable. And this other great influence is silently but surely at work in millions of hearts. The missionaries are teaching what Jesus Christ first taught us—that God is our Father. That word 'Father' makes all equal, male or female, because all are children of one Father. That one word 'Father' goes crashing through all caste separations, gives a new revelation of God to the Hindu mind, and it will, at no distant date, cast the monstrous dagons of Hindu worship prone upon the threshold of the temples which have flourished and batted on the degradation of women."—*Regions Beyond*.

"Know something about every field,
Know everything about some field."



India Postage.

Letters, 5 cents for each half-ounce or fraction thereof;
newspapers, 1 cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof.

from the field

ONE DAY'S WORK

MIDNAPORE, June 14, 1905.

DEAR FRIENDS:—

I have thought that perhaps you would like to hear something about Kharagpur, so I will tell you about yesterday.

I left the house here at 10 o'clock, with the thermometer at 103 degrees in the shade. To go out in an Indian sun when it is 103 in the shade is no joke. But

protected by a *sola tope*, a covered umbrella, and colored glasses I went, because there is no other way to do. (Sunday it was 105 degrees.)

What little air came through the shutters and one open window, when the train was moving, was like the air from a hot furnace.

Reaching Kharagpur, came the usual wait of about two hours in the station. At 3.30 it was pretty hot, but I preferred the outside to the station, so I started out.

At the second house I was offered a cup of tea. If you want to know what that means, ask Miss Coombs. I can appreciate it now. I couldn't two years ago. The mother poured a saucerful of the tea as it was given me, and cooled

it for her fourteen-months-old babe. When I talked to her about it, she said: "Why, he likes it," which was quite reason enough for his having it, to her mind. At another house I was told the same story. I made eight calls, talking about our Y. W. C. A., Bible study, children, etc., at one place giving instruction to a mother of eight children, how to care for her baby. "The child won't stop it," or "the child likes it," is reason enough for almost anything, to a large number of these mothers.

At one house the woman gave me a chair, probably the only one in the house, while she stood to talk to me. Another's talk consisted mostly of interjections ending with "ma'am."

At 5.30 came the Y. W. C. A. meeting. We had a very good meeting, with Rom. 14: 13-23 for a lesson. Such an improvement since we began in January! Last week's lesson on not judging they could appreciate, but the responsibility for the weaker ones made them look very sober.

Then home in the beautiful, soft moonlight, tired, but thankful for the God-given privilege of going forth in His name.

In the Master's work,

CARRIE M. F. OXRIEDER.

A DAY IN THE CULINARY DEPARTMENT AT STORER

BY M. V. B.

THE rising bell has been sounded by the young man who has made the fire in the club kitchen an hour ago. Three girls with the young lady in charge put in their appearance almost before the rising bell ceases. They find a tea-kettle of boiling water anxious to be used, so the door of the provision pantry is unlocked, the cereal put on, the kettle refilled for coffee and tea, and the other part of breakfast is looked after. By this time the head waiter, one of the young men, is in the dining room looking after his tables, which have been set up the night before. Then he cuts the bread for breakfast and fills water pitchers.

Five minutes before seven, the gong is heard, and at seven all are in the dining room and blessing is sung:

"Thou art great and Thou art good,
And we thank thee for this food.
By thy hands must we be fed;
Give us, Lord, our daily bread. Amen."

The ones who have prepared the breakfast must serve it, also, with the aid of the assistant, so the gingham apron is exchanged for a white one. In twenty minutes all is served at the six long tables with ten persons at each table. Miss Brown is responsible for the conduct of those in the dining room at this time, having a seat in view of all.

At the close of this meal each one goes about his or her respective duties. If on for lunch, they go immediately about it, making bread into rolls or loaves, as the case may be, and setting them to be baked for lunch, if rolls; then the fruit is gotten out or whatever is to be had for lunch, and left to be looked after by Miss Brown. The bread is made by some member of the Young Men's Cooking Class, 27 quarts being too much for a girl to mix at once, although this amount is often divided and made by several girls. Our family of about sixty persons uses about a barrel of flour per week, so every day is baking day with us. Now, the ones who wash dishes (three in number) gather them up and carry them into the dish pantry. The two girls who take care of the glass and silver do likewise. The tables are covered with white enamel cloths which are carefully washed off; the salts, peppers, vinegars, and catsup cruets are replaced by one of the girls; the floor is swept and dusting done by another, and yet another is putting the kitchen in order. So by the time the study bell is rung we are already to hear and obey, it being now 8 o'clock.

The end of the forenoon session is at 11.45. We have fifteen minutes to put things in order for the noon meal,—fruit, hot bread and butter, tea. As soon as this meal is served the three girls who are on to get dinner appear in the kitchen. They have learned what they are to have from the bulletin in the dining room, and they prepare the vegetables and get ready the meat. Then everything is left to be looked after by the young lady in charge.

The classes in cooking are held in the afternoons and evenings, in a very cheerful, bright room under the club kitchen.

As the provisions are furnished by the club, the club gets the benefit of the same, and is at perfect liberty to make any criticism. The common one heard, however, is, "Too small for its age!"

The afternoon session closes at 3.45. Dinner is served at five by those who prepared it. This is a very happy meal, for afterward they can play at ball, tennis, or what not, and no more classes for the day. The ones who are on for dishes, silver, glass, etc., perform their duties as the others have done, and pass out for the day. The breakfast girls come in to get ready anything which might take up too much time in the morning. The bread is made and set to rise, and thus our day ends. Happily and peaceably every girl has performed some duty in the kitchen or dining-room during the day, but they have averaged only about an hour's work each.

Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

Go, take that task of yours which you have been hesitating before and shirking and walking around, and on this very day lift it up and do it.—*Phillips Brooks.*

TREASURER'S NOTES

New Auxiliary — Strafford Corner, N. H.

We are glad to welcome another new auxiliary. Would that one or more could, each month, appear at the head of these notes. Mrs. W. F. Otis is the president of this. She says it starts with 12 members,—a good number.

Just after writing the above I received a note from an earnest missionary woman in the West, saying, "Our pastor thought best to have one missionary society and a church organization." So the auxiliary of that church is disbanded, for the present at least. Another auxiliary, in New England, has disbanded by request of the pastor. In both cases the auxiliaries were doing special work for the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society, and the churches will continue it for the present. It is hoped that the work these societies have done in the past will be permanently continued by the church organization, as either the missionary work in India must be curtailed, or these specials kept up by somebody. But we have nothing to fear, for so long as God has work for the F. B. W. M. S. to do, and there are consecrated workers, ways will open to accomplish it. This has been verified again and again in the history of the society.

I shall be glad when the moment strikes that the F. B. W. M. S. can launch its little bark into deeper waters than it ever yet has done, and to live *and grow* it must. It will only be by faith that we shall do it. As I write this sentence my eyes fall upon a little leaflet recently sent to me by the Misses Slayter of R. I. From it I quote: "I care not whether it be money for the poor, for the pastor's salary, or for a church in which to worship, to that body of Christians who unflinchingly and determinedly seek first, and only, and all the time the kingdom of God and his righteousness, the things needful shall be added." This is equally true of a missionary society. All we need to do as women is to seek first, last, and always God's righteousness, and then all things shall be added. What a stimulus this assurance is to a life of self-surrender in everything. This means effort, but not of the kind that causes worry and anxious thought, but of the kind which brings peace and mental and physical strength.

In my travels I have detected a lack of care in collecting yearly dues, and in securing new members. This work should be looked after with the same fidelity as a successful man looks after his business. Every auxiliary should have an active, wide-awake committee for this purpose, and it should attend to its duties with business-like care. Now is the time, as the fall work begins, to see that this committee is appointed and at work. It should be supplied with certificates of membership and blank receipts. Every member should be personally visited, unless she volunteers to pay her dues, and as many new members secured at the

beginning of the year's meetings as possible. With a little care, much tact, and large faith, our auxiliaries may grow in numbers, and increase their contributions.

Now is the time, too, to secure from the juniors shares in Miss Barnes's salary. She hopes to return to India this autumn, and her salary will, in that case, be increased to \$500; that means 125 shares; the Roll of Honor has less than one hundred. She has had the loyal support of Juniors and children's Bands in the past, and we want her to go back to India carrying with her the sympathy and prayers of a larger number of children than have previously been interested in her. I hope our auxiliaries will take an interest in this matter, encouraging children to take shares in her salary — \$4 each. Shall not the Roll of Honor be lengthened the coming year?

The receipts for July will be, I fear, less than they were in July last year, and yet I look for the contributions in August to make up the deficiency. The Women's Missionary Societies of Badger, Ind., Paige St. Church, Lowell, Mass., and Manchester, Mich., have paid in full for the yearly support of their teachers. The Girls' Missionary Society of Lawrence has contributed \$10 for the education of Esther, and the Christian Endeavors of Elmwood Ave. Church., Providence, R. I., and of Grand Harbour, N. B., have sent quarterly dues for the support of their little children in Sinclair Orphanage.

We welcome to the Roll of Honor the Helper Branch of the Sunshine Society, the F. B. S. S. of Horton, Kan., and the S. S. of Gilmanton Iron Works, N. H., besides the Junior Christian Endeavorers of Horton have paid for a share already enrolled which was collected by the members. Several Sunday-schools have sent gifts during July, as have Summit, Kas., Pawtucket and Carolina, R. I., Cradle Rolls. The children and young people are doing nobly for our denominational work, which augurs well for the future.

The Woman's Board held several sessions at Ocean Park during July and August. About the usual number were present, though we missed some who are usually here. The India work was discussed with our Miss Coombs present to answer questions, and Mr. McDonald appeared before the Board for the purpose of telling the needs of Storer College. Questions were considered with the customary care and a very sweet spirit prevailed.

It will not be long after these notes appear, before our annual meeting will occur at Somersworth, N. H. As usual the Board meetings will be held Wednesday afternoon and evening, and the meeting of the Society, all day and evening of Thursday. The dates are October 11 and 12. The auxiliary of Somersworth gives us a very cordial invitation, and, I am sure, will heartily welcome every person who will attend the meeting. Some very important business will be presented, and much of the afternoon of Thursday will be devoted to it. I refer

particularly to the report of the Joint Committee in answer to our action last May *May every woman interested in the future of our work be present, who can.*

In the meantime will we not take into the Quiet Hour this annual session, asking that the workers may be so receptive to God's will in order that His wisdom may direct all our deliberations? Our Quiet Hour, in a recent meeting of the Board, was especially beautiful, and a deep confidence in God's guidance was voiced very tenderly by our Corresponding Secretary. May this spirit permeate our ten o'clock hour, so that God can indeed direct our steps.

Ocean Park, Me.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer.*

(All money orders should be made payable at Dover, N. H.)

CHILDREN IN JAPAN

A little American girl in Japan has written the following letter, which was printed in *Missionary Dayspring* : —

"You can't even guess how queerly the children, as large as we are, look out here in Japan. They don't have their hair braided or curled, but it is all shaved off but a ring on the crown and a lock over the forehead, and sometimes a lock over each ear. I think it is very nice, because then the baby can't get hold of it and pull it, and make them cry.

"I should like to wear clothes like theirs. Then, when I get up in the morning, I would not have any buttons to plague me, but I should just slip into my dress, and mamma would tie a sash around my waist. I should not have to put on my shoes, for they never wear any in the house, so I should not be late to breakfast because I could not find my buttonhook.

"Japanese don't have to open the beds and air the sheets, and then make them up again without any wrinkles, and shake up the pillows and make them stand up nicely, for they sleep on a thick cotton comfortable of dark blue cloth and put another one over them, and don't use any sheets at all. In the daytime they are rolled up and put away in the closet. Their pillows are small wooden blocks put under the neck instead of under the head, and there is a little roll of cotton on the top to make them soft, and this is wrapped up in a piece of clean white paper instead of putting on a clean pillow case.

"They always sit on their knees on cushions, and so the little girls don't have to dust the chairs and put them in their places every morning, as you and I do. I like to help mamma pretty well, but sometimes I wish I was a little Jap and did not have any work to do, but could play in the street all day, and eat all the candy and beans that people would give me, and not be told that it is not good for little girls to eat between meals.—*The Children's Missionary.*

Helps for Monthly Meetings

"With knowledge to supply the fuel, the Word and Spirit to add the spark, and prayer to fan the flame, missionary fires will be kindled, and souls will be set ablaze with holy zeal."

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OCTOBER.—ROLL-CALL AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Suggestive Program

Singing.—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Scripture reading.—Rom. 12.

Prayer.

Roll-call.—Response by each member with a passage of Scripture, appropriate quotation, or mission fact.

A few words of welcome by the leader.

Five-minute papers:—

(a) A look backward. (Our study of Japan and what we have gained by it.)

(b) A look forward. (Brief outline of "Christus Liberator" and the work for the coming year.)

Singing:—

WE'LL BE THERE.

Tune: "When the roll is called up yonder."

When His hosts the Captain rallies on the battlefield of life,

Who with courage will his royal standard bear?

Radiant light amid earth's darkness, heavenly peace 'mid earthly strife,

With his loyal standard bearers, who'll be there?

REFRAIN: || With his loyal standard bearers || I'll be there.

With the glorious banner waving, and our Captain leading on

In the sacrifice and toil his legions share;

But the victory is sure, redeemed his kingdom shall be won,

And with all his standard bearers we'll be there.

REFRAIN: || With his loyal standard bearers || we'll be there.

When the peaceful war is ended and the hosts in triumph come,

In the victor's song to join,—the crowns to wear;

When the God of battles brings his brave and loyal-hearted home,

With the King in glory, may we enter there!

REFRAIN: || With his loyal standard bearers || we'll be there.

—Meta E. B. Thorn, in *Missionary Friend*.

Five-minute paper: "The Importance of the Local Auxiliary to the General Work" (emphasizing its *necessity* in the maintenance of our several departments of work, at home and abroad).

Symposium : "What the Auxiliary Means to Me."

Solicitation of new members by one who has the membership cards ready to be filled out. (Send to Mrs. A. D. Chapman, 12 Prescott St., Lewiston, Me.)

Social Hour.

(See article on "Suggestions for a Roll-Call Meeting," on another page.)

TO AUXILIARY MEMBERS

My sisters, do we appreciate our duties, yea, our privileges? O that we may all be willing to have the Spirit of Christ come upon us in fulness! If ever we needed the power of the Holy Ghost we need it most especially now. We may have this power. Shall we have it? O that every sister would unite in earnest, persistent prayer for the power of the Holy Ghost to come upon us. "We are witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." Acts 5:32. Sister, are you witnessing for Christ? Is the joy and gladness of perfect peace shining forth in all you do? Are rivers of living water continually flowing from your inner life? Have you accepted that *lively hope* unto which God, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead? Or is the testimony of your Christian profession so covered with cares, worries, and disobediences that those with whom you come in contact fail to see the ever-living, merciful, loving Saviour, of whom you should be a living epistle, known and read of all men. Ye are the epistle of Christ, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart. 2 Cor. 3:3.

O to have this epistle so written that all who look upon our lives may read: "God is love;" may read: "Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world;" may read: "Great peace have they which love thy law and nothing shall offend them." May it truthfully be said of each one of us: "The law of her God is in her heart; none of her steps shall slide." Ps. 37:31. Our loving Heavenly Father has still the same care for us, and especially for you, tired mothers, as he had for the children of Israel when he said: "O that there were such an heart in them that they would fear me and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!" Deut. 5:29. Let us give up ourselves in absolute obedient surrender to God's will and he will use us mightily.—*Mary Gamertsfelder, in The Missionary Messenger.*

The Missionary Helper Branch of the International Sunshine Society

Mrs. Nettie Fowler has given twenty-five cents to be passed on to a shut-in, twenty-five cents for Branch postage, and is constantly cheering different members by writing letters and sending good reading matter.

Miss May A. Warren, who has been a most generous helper in our India work, has given one one dollar for India Fund and a number of stamps for I. S. S. postage.

Miss Elizabeth S. Knight is sending the *Star* to California and the *HELPER* to Canada, and gives fifty cents.

Mrs. William F. Grant writes that they now have thirty-four members enrolled in Lyndon, Vt., and all are greatly interested in the good cheer cause.

Mrs. J. W. Smith has sent in during the past month her annual dues of one dollar.

Our editor, Mrs. Whitcomb, has given fifty cents for gold I. S. S. pin. May much sunshine enter her useful life as she wears our society emblem.

Miss Ethel S. Folsom has written for the names of those who would enjoy good literature, as she is willing to pass on the Sabbath Reading.

The W. M. S. of Winona, Minn., have given one dollar for the Sunshine Day Nursery.

"A Member" one dollar for "ice, or wherever it will do the most good."

Edna and Doris Folsom, twenty-five cents each for Milk and Ice Fund. These little Sunshiners save up many times during the year, and forward the amount to help suffering children in the great city.

Mrs. B. H. Parker writes that she is trying to scatter sunshine in her daily life. She is caring for a dear one who has been ill many weeks. There is no better work than living sunshine.

A roll of missionary magazines has been received from Mrs. M. H. Leavens.

A stamp-book filled with "two-cent helpers" has been received from Mrs. Geo. F. Babcock.

A sister requests that thanks be extended to all members for the rays of sunshine which they have sent to brighten the life of Mrs. E. L. Ashton of Bristol, N. H. She finds it hard to write, but is very thankful to those who have written and remembered her in other ways.

One dollar has been received from a western member with the sweet words, "This tiny legacy left to the Ice Fund for thirsty children by a little girl who was always very dependent upon 'awful fess water,' but who has now gone where they neither hunger nor thirst any more."

Miss Elizabeth A. Hunt sent in the following names for enrollment: Lydia McNayr, Gertrude McNayr, Laura McNayr, Bertha Sproul, Lena Sproul, Annie Stetson, Ethel Thayer, Carrie Banks, Mabel King, all of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Ida Cogswell of Pennsylvania. They join as helpers.

Mrs. Sarah A. Fisher of Maine sent as initiation dues a number of Outlooks with stamps to pass them on.

Mrs. Frank D. Folsom, also of Maine, fifty cents as dues.

Mrs. W. C. Dow requests that Kathryn Butterfield, a dear little sunbeam of ten months, be enrolled.

Clement Witherell of New Hampshire sent as his dues two years' subscription of the *Boy's Companion*.

The name of Mrs. C. N. Bailey, an aged invalid of Vermont, has been added to the list of members.

Practical Christian Living

"Pure religion as taught by Jesus Christ is a life, a growth, a divine spirit within, coming out in sympathy and helpfulness to our fellow-men."

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OUR QUIET HOUR

(10 A. M.)

Communion

THROUGH COMMUNION THE SPIRIT OF GOD REVEALS TO US THE MIND OF GOD

IN Rev. 1 : 10, we read : "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard a voice." Why did John hear the voice? Because he was in the Spirit. Because John was in the place of communion, the place of waiting upon God, and because, being in the Spirit, anointed with the Spirit, the Spirit of God that takes of the things of God and reveals them unto us, could show them unto John.

It is in the place of prayer and the place of communion that the Spirit of God is able to show us the things of God. "I was in the Spirit," and "I heard a voice." Do we not often lack the knowledge of God's will? Are we not often at sea with regard to what God wants us to do? And is it not because we do not put ourselves into that atmosphere in which the Spirit of God alone can speak unto us, because our spiritual ears are not attuned by communion to hear the voice by which the Spirit of God would speak to us? Do we not miss much of the revelation of God's will because we are not in the place above all other places where God reveals that will—the place of prayer, the place of communion? We cannot hear the voice because we do not shut ourselves apart in the place where we can hear it.

Up in the Georgian Bay, on the shores of Lake Huron, one summer day, a little group of us were standing on the dock waiting the arrival of the steamer. All about us was a babel of voices. Presently the young clerk said : "Come into the fish-house." It was a fishing village, and there was a little warehouse where they packed their fish. We went in with him, and he shut the door and said : "Listen !" As we stood there we could plainly hear the sound of the approaching boat — the peculiar intermittent beating of the paddles of the side-wheel steamer. We then went out of the door to the wharf where the people were talking, and again the sound became inaudible. We went again with a friend into the room, and once more heard it clearly. We were in the place of stillness. There were no voices about to distract, or disturb, or break the silence, and there we could distinctly hear the approaching steamer. We went out and sat down upon the wharf, and in about five minutes the smoke from her funnels arose above the island. "What a lesson !" we thought. What an illustration for our

lives as Christians. When we get alone in the chamber of communion with God, we can hear the voice of God ; God can reveal his mind to us as nowhere else. But we miss that mind, and we miss that guidance, and we fail to hear that voice, because in the hubbub and distraction of life we are in surroundings where the Spirit, who speaks with a still small voice, cannot make known to us his will. Is there a man who has ever prayed for guidance but has not been conscious that that guidance came in or after prayer? Something would flash upon us, some word of God, some incident in our life that would suddenly reveal the guidance we wanted, and say to us : " This is the path ; walk ye in it." And when we came to find out when that guidance came, it was in prayer, or after prayer. It is in communion that God flashes upon us the light of his own will, the revelation of his own mind.

I remember meeting a friend, after his return from South Africa, where he had been visiting Andrew Murray. I said to him : " What is the secret of his great power? " His reply was : " Communion. He seems always to be in communion with God." He said, " I will illustrate : When I went to South Africa to see him, a minister handed me a New Testament, saying : ' Will you ask Mr. Murray to write a sentiment in that Testament for me? ' After I had been there a few days I stated the request. Mr. Murray took the New Testament and said : ' Well, I must go aside awhile.' He walked over into the corner of the room and sat down in an alcove waiting on the Lord. Then I saw him write, and when he came back to me, the verse on the flyleaf of the Testament was : ' The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do.' I took that book home, and under the grace of God that minister's life was well nigh transformed from that simple verse—' The Son can do nothing of himself.' "

" Ah," I thought, " there is the secret." We would have taken that book and written down the first sentence that came into our mind. This man who knows the Lord, as few men do, and knows the mind of the Lord as revealed in communion and prayer alone, went apart to get that mind. Then when he wrote the sentence it was the Lord's sentence, and went home to the heart and the life of the man who received it. God help us to wait in communion to get the mind of God, that the words we give to men may be the words of God, and bring forth the blessed life of God in them.

THROUGH COMMUNION THE SPIRIT OF GOD TRANSFORMS US INTO THE IMAGE
OF GOD

Against the reference given in 2 Cor. 3 : 18, I wrote in my Bible, these words : " God's photograph gallery." There are three things needful in photography. First, the object which is to be photographed. Second, a sensitive plate that must look toward that object and receive the impression of it. Third,

the sunshine which transfers the object to the sensitive plate. As I read that verse one day I thought: "Surely it is God's photograph gallery." "But we all with open face"—there is the sensitive plate turned toward the Lord. We all with open face "beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord." There is the object to be photographed. "He hath foreordained us to be conformed into the image of His Son." Listen again: "We all with open face beholding as in an open glass the glory of the Lord, are changed"—there is the process—"from glory to glory." In what way? "Even as by the Spirit of the Lord." There is the power, the marvellous power that transfers the image to you and to me. Transformed through beholding; transformed through "looking unto Jesus." What a beautiful, what a wonderful thought it is! And it is in this place of communion, as we look unto him, that this transformation takes place.

Ah, friends, we struggle and strive, and work to become like Jesus, but somehow—I do not know how; I do not understand any more than I understand how that beautiful picture is transferred from the landscape to the plate—as we look unto Jesus in the place of prayer; as we look unto him in the place of communion; as our souls cease their strivings and their vain struggles and effort to make the old flesh life like him—which can never be—and just look, helplessly, to him, somehow we are changed into the image of the Lord Jesus Christ. The moment a man perfectly sees Jesus, that moment a man is going to be perfectly like Jesus. "When he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is"—"we shall be like him, for we shall see him." Through the imperfect glass of faith, the likeness is imperfect. With the perfect face-to-face vision, the image shall be perfect. Here the picture is being taken in a cloudy day "through a glass darkly." It takes long-time exposures, and the work seems to be slow. Then it will be an instantaneous flash, and "we shall be like Him." In an instant, "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye"—the Lord, the glory, the likeness! Blessed be God! We are waiting for that glad moment. The instant we see Jesus Christ face to face, that instant we will be changed into the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. And just so far as we see him now in communion, so far are we made like him, even down here.

THROUGH COMMUNION THE SPIRIT OF GOD FITS US FOR THE SERVICE OF GOD

Do we say communion is passive? Do we say a busy man has no time to spend in communion? I have lived along the Pennsylvania Railroad system for a good many years and have noticed that it does not make any difference how the freight yards are congested with traffic, or how occupied the train men are with their various duties, those great freight and passenger engines are never too busy to stop for coal and water. And why? Because fuel and water mean

power. So the man who says he is too busy to spend time in communion with God simply says he is too busy to have power with God. And as that whole great railroad system would be tied up with helpless "dead" locomotives, as the railroad men call them, if they didn't stop long enough to get the power, even so a good deal of our Christian work is tied up with helpless, lifeless Christians because they do not stop long enough to get the power of God.

We are told of Gabriel, that when he came to Zacharias, he said: "I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God, and am sent." Do we say that it is a passive life to wait before God in communion? It is those that wait before him that are sent by him. No man is fitted to look into the face of men in service until he has looked into the face of God in communion. And we are told (Rev. 8: 2) that to the seven angels that stood before God the trumpets were given. "Passive business," we say, "just standing there before God, those seven angels looking into his face!" Oh, when we remember that looking unto him in communion reveals his mind, impresses his image, fills with his life, and gives his power, then who is so fitted to go forth and take the messages of God and do the service of God as the man that is transformed into the image of God, filled with the life of God, and knows the will of God?—*From an article by James H. McConkey, in Regions Beyond.*

So take Joy home,
And make a place in thy great heart for her
And give her time to grow, and cherish her,
Then will she come, and oft will sing to thee,
When thou art working in the furrows, ay,
Or weeding in the sacred hour of dawn.
It is a comely fashion to be glad,—
Joy is the grace we say to God.

—*Jean Ingelow.*

TOPICS FOR 1905-1906

October—Roll-call and Membership.

November—Outline Study of Africa:

1. The Dark Continent.

December— 2. The Nile Country.

January— 3. West Africa.

February—Prayer and Praise.

March—Free Baptist Home Missions.

April— 4. East Africa.

May—Thank-Offering.

June— 5. Congo State and Central Africa.

July— 6. South Africa.

August—Missionary Field Day.

September—Free Baptist Foreign Missions.

AMONG OUR BOOKS.

Christus Liberator. An outline study of Africa. By Ellen C. Parsons, M. A. Introduction by Sir Harry H. Johnston, K. C. B., author of "British Central Africa," etc. The Macmillan Co., Publishers, 66 Fifth Ave., New York. 309 pages, with map. Cloth, 50 cents, net. Paper, 30 cents, net.

In the prefatory statement of the Central Committee we read: "From the study of the great Sunrise Empire, toward which the eyes of the world have been turned the last year, attention is now directed to the Dark Continent, where through the darkness the dawn appears." The very valuable introduction of forty-nine pages treats of the geography, races, and history of Africa. The titles of chapters are as follows: "The Dark Continent," "The Nile Country, Abyssinia, and North Africa," "West Africa," "East Africa," "Congo State and Central Africa," "South Africa." There are also tables of important events in African history, important dates in African discovery, and the principal societies maintaining missions in Africa, many literary illustrations, an African bibliography, and an up-to-date map.

The book can be obtained of our superintendent of the Bureau of Missionary Intelligence, Mrs. A. D. Chapman, 12 Prescott St., Lewiston, Me.

On the Banks of the Besor; or, The Man Behind the Baggage. By C. B. Keenleyside, author of "The Upper and Nether Springs," etc. Sixth edition. 40 pages. Paper cover, 10 cents. Toronto, Canada, Methodist Mission rooms.

With 1 Sam. 30: 24 for a text, the author makes a striking and forceful appeal for the entire consecration of those who stay at home as well as those who go forth to battle in Christ's army. "Upon all of us the honor of the campaign rests." It is a stimulating and suggestive missionary booklet.

"BEAUTY FOR ASHES"

He was better to me than all my hopes,
 He was better than all my fears;
 He made a road of my broken works
 And a rainbow of my tears.
 The billows that guarded my sea-girt path,
 But carried my Lord on their crest;
 When I dwell on the day of my wilderness march
 I can lean on His love for a rest.

—Anna Shipton.

It is wonderful what miracles God works in wills that are utterly surrendered to him. He turns hard things into easy and bitter things into sweet. It is not that he puts easy things in the place of the hard, but he actually changes the hard thing into an easy one.—*Hannah Whitall Smith.*

Juniors

"RIGHT ABOUT FACE"

"Ho! right about face!" September cries;

"Right about face, and march!" cries she;

"You, summer, have had your day, and now,
In spite of your sorrowful, clouded brow,
The children belong to me.

"Come, fall into line, you girls and boys,

Tanned and sunburned, merry and gay;

Turn your backs to the woods and hills,

The meadow ponds and the mountain rills,
And march from them all away.

"Are you loth, I wonder, to say farewell

To the summer days and the summer skies?

Ah! the time flies fast, and vacation is done—

You've finished your season of frolic and fun;

Now turn your tardy eyes

"Toward your lessons and books, my dears.

Why, where would our men and women be

If the children forever with summer played?

Come, right about face," September said,

"And return to school with me."

—*King's Own.*

HELPS FOR LEADERS

In conducting children's meetings aim to give as many as possible something interesting to do to assist you. Try to adapt the task to the child, and never make it too laborious. Ask some of the girls who are learning to play the piano to practice, and be ready to play one song each to help the singing. If anyone plays the violin or other instrument have him bring it by all means. Ask, in turn, some of the boys to help you arrange the room. Get some mischievous older boy to be responsible for the behavior of some mischievous younger boy. Have someone prepared to write upon the blackboard. Give those who are able some interesting thing to look up. Occasionally, if possible, make or hire costumes and borrow curios.

It is always profitable to use object lessons. The younger ones can generally assist in this. If a small girl or boy has the responsibility of exhibiting a chart it will serve to interest him in the entire meeting. If you want to show where the massacres occur in Armenia have someone pin a piece of black cambric on the map. For a meeting on Zulu missions have the children make a kraal. Invert a bushel basket in the center of the room, then invert some round half bushel baskets in a circle around that, and on the outside arrange a barricade of chairs. With your company seated around this illustration you can effectively bring out the kraal and the habits and needs of its occupants.

One leader was so ambitious as to arrange a real haystack upon a large table before her audience. The boys who got the hay told the other boys, of course, and everybody was eager to come and see how hay could be used at a missionary meeting. When the subject of the haystack meeting at Williamstown was developed they understood all about it.

Ask what are the greatest curses of Africa. Have one child exhibit an iron chain and another a bottle, and your lesson will be grasped. Have another child ready to show a Bible as the remedy for these evils.

In Butterick's *Delineator* for June, 1904, there are complete directions for making a Japanese house, which can be used in connection with any Japanese topic. Simple, graphic representations always help. We have to guard against illustrations which are elaborate and far-fetched or the point is lost.

Occasionally use a simple souvenir, to be taken home after being used in the meeting. The Chinese "cash" may be obtained very cheaply. David C. Cook, Elgin, Ill., sells one hundred cowry shells postpaid for fifty cents, which make very interesting souvenirs for a meeting on India. At the Japanese stores tiny umbrellas, fans, or lanterns can be obtained for a cent apiece. Fasten some interesting item to each and distribute them.

The Japanese flag may be used in a similar way. Cut the flag about three by five inches from white crepe paper with the crinkles running vertically. For the red disk use gummed seals, and for the stick No. 5 reed is good.

If desirable, the material for an entire program may be pasted to the flag sticks back of the flags, giving each child something to read on his own flag. Write Scripture texts on one color tissue paper, current events on another, also answers to questions, and a dissected story. Have each part numbered to avoid confusion. Turkish flags are also easy to make. The children are delighted with these things, and the cost is very little.

All the above suggestions have been successfully carried out in a mission circle of children ranging from the age of four to fifteen.—*Jennie Carpenter Warner, in Life and Light.*

THE LITTLE CHILDREN IN JAPAN

THE little children in Japan
Are fearfully polite;
They always thank their bread and milk
Before they take a bite.
And say, "You make us most content,
Oh, honorable nourishment!"

The little children in Japan
Don't think of being rude;
"Oh, noble, dear mamma," they say,
"We trust we don't intrude"—
Instead of rushing into where
All day their mother combs her hair.

The little children in Japan
With toys of paper play,
And carry paper parasols
To keep the rain away;
And when you go to see, you'll find
It's paper walls they live behind.

—Selected.

QUEER KOREAN CUSTOMS

All things in Korea are strange to foreigners. Thimbles are of cloth, beautifully embroidered. There are no buttons or pins, and garments are tied on with ribbons. Soap is sold in the form of a powder, and the only matches are shavings tipped with sulphur. These have to be put into the fire to light them. The market scenes are interesting. You see pompous men in long gowns and high hats, poor women with green cloaks over their heads, and scores of boys carrying vegetables. The people are early risers, and the best time to market is between five and six in the morning. Two hours later the stands are all cleared away, and you have to rely on the retail stores or little shops. Eggs are bought by the stick, and are stacked up like kindling wood. Ten eggs are laid end to end, and they are then wrapped about with straw, so that they stand out straight and stiff, and look more like clubs than eggs. In the stores these sticks of eggs are piled up crosswise, and the price is about three cents a stick.

ROLL OF HONOR

Shares in the salary of the children's missionary, Miss Emilie E. Barnes, at \$4 per share.

Ill., Campbell Hill, Junior C. E.	2 shares
Me., Lewiston, Junior A. F. C. E., Main St. ch.	2 shares
Mich., Kingston, Junior A. C. F.	1 share
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Mich., Highland, Juvenile Mission Band.	1 share
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S. D., Valley Springs Mission Band	1 share
N. H., Milton, Junior A. C. F.	2 shares
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N. H., Hampton, "Pearl Seekers"	2 shares
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Me., West Bowdoin, children	1 share
R. I., Olneyville, Primary Dept. S. S.	1 share
Me., West Falmouth, "Helping Hands"	2 shares
Iowa, Spencer S. S.	2 shares
Mich., Gobleville, Junior A. C. F.	1 share
Me., Ocean Park, Nellie Wade Whitcomb	1 share
N. H., Center Sandwich, Junior Mission Band	1 share
Me., Chesterville, Union S. S.	1 share
N. B., St. John West, Junior C. E. of F. B. ch.	1 share
Me., Bowdoinham Ridge S. S.	1 share
Mich., Onsted, Miss Ruth Daniels	1 share
N. Y., Brooklyn, First F. B. church, Mrs. Furman's class, in memory of Emmet Johnston	1 share
R. I., Pascoag, Junior C. E.	2 share
Me., Bridgewater, S. S.	2 shares
Mich., West Oshtemo, S. S.	1 share

Kan., Horton, Junior C. E.	1 share
Me., Georgetown, Children's Mission Band	1 share
N. H., New Hampton, Mission Band	1 share
Mass., Lowell, Primary Dept. of Chelmsford St. church	1 share
Me., Lisbon, Juniors	1 share
Me., Dover and Foxcroft, Junior A. C. F.	1 share
Me., Dexter, Primary Dept. of F. B. S. S.	1 share
Ind., Badger, Primary and Intermediate Dept. of S. S.	1 share
N. H., Gonic, Junior A. F. C. E.	1 share
Minn., Winnebago City	1 share
Iowa, Spencer, Juniors	1 share
N. Y., Poland, Juniors	1 share
Me., Bath, S. S. of Corliss St. church	3 shares
Minn., Winona, Mission Band	1 share
Mass., Lowell, Kindergarten Dept., Chelmsford St. S. S.	1 share
Mich., Temperance, S. S. Class No. 6	1 share
Me., Pittsfield, Juniors	1 share
Me., Auburn, Junior C. E.	1 share
N. H., Ashland, Juniors	1 share
R. I., Pawtucket, in memory of Ben F. Jefferson, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 1902	1 share
Ohio, Pleasant Grove, Junior C. E.	1 share
Tenn., Union Association	1 share
Mass., Cambridge, Junior C. E.	1 share
Me., Eustis Center S. S.	1 share
Kan., Summit, Junior C. E.	1 share
Ill., Ava, Juniors	1 share
R. I., Carolina Junior C. E.	1 share
N. H., Loudon Center, Children's T. O.	1 share
Me., Scarboro, Young Missionary Helpers	1 share
Me., Chester, Sunday School	1 share
N. H., Farmington, Junior Dept. of S. S.	1 share
Me., Cape Elizabeth and South Portland Juniors	2 shares
N. H., Manchester, Junior C. E. Society	1 share
Mich., Litchfield, "Joy Bearers"	1 share
Me., Saco, Juniors	1 share
Mich., Grand Ledge, Juniors	2 shares
N. H., Dover, Juniors, Washington St. church	1 share
N. H., Dover, Intermediate Dept. in Washington St. F. B. S. S.	1 share
Mass., Lowell, Primary Dept. S. S. Paige St. F. B. Ch.	1 share
Chase, Trueman, and Carl Moody	1 share
Mich., Mason, Mission Band	1 share
Me., Canton, F. B. S. S.	1 share
Minn., Madelia, F. B. S. S.	1 share
Ind., Brookston, S. S. class of Miss Lida Moody	1 share
Mich., West Kinderhook, First F. W. B. S. S.	1 share
R. I., Providence, aux. Plainfield St. church	1 share
Maine, North Berwick, Junior C. E. 2d church	2 shares
Mass., Somerville, Juniors	1 share
N. H., Somersworth, Juniors	1 share
Mass., Haverhill, children of Winter St. F. B. church	1 share
Me., Auburn, Inter. C. E. Court St. church	1 share

THE WORK OF LITTLE HANDS IN JAPAN

Duties come to children in Japan as in our own country, for many parents are poor and need the help their children can give in work either at home or outside.

Many little girls, and boys too, can be seen in the streets with babies on their backs, keeping them quiet while their mothers are busy with other duties. Often the mother must go to work every day in a tea go-down or in a factory; or, if she is a farmer's wife, out in the rice fields, leaving the baby all day long in the care of its older sister or brother.

As little girls grow older they can be very useful in many ways in the housework. Japanese housekeeping is very simple; there are no stoves or furnaces, no heavy carpets to be swept, no wash-stands or toilet sets, no bedsteads, no sheets or pillow-cases to be added to the family wash. There is washing to be done, however, and young girls enjoy this part of housekeeping. When a dress is soiled it must first be ripped apart to take out the lining and wadding; when it is well cleansed the pieces are starched and stretched smoothly on boards to dry in the sun. Ironing is not necessary, for each piece is as smooth as can be when taken from the board.

There are other ways, too, in which little hands can be helpful. In Japan many children make match-boxes, either at home or in the factories, and work from daylight until dark, earning but a few cents daily. I think a steady, skillful little worker will make from four to five hundred boxes in a day. Every penny helps when poverty reigns in the home, and few of the little Mission Band workers can ever imagine the lack of comfort in the lives of the very poor. Be truly grateful to God for your daily comforts, and send as much as you possibly can of your abundance to give the Gospel to these poor children whom we gather into our night schools, that they may learn to read God's Word, and find delight in loving and serving the blessed Saviour who died for them as well as for you.—*M. A. Spencer, in Children's Missionary Friend.*

To lie by the river of life and see it run to waste,
 To eat of the tree of heaven while the nations go unfed,
 To taste the full salvation—the only one to taste—
 To live while the rest are lost—oh, better by far be dead!

For to share is the bliss of heaven, as it is the joy of earth,
 And the unshared bread lacks savor, and the wine unshared lacks zest,
 And the joy of the soul redeemed would be little, little worth,
 If, content with its own security, it could forget the rest.

—*Susan Coolidge.*

Contributions.

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Maine.

Bath North St Aux T O for Miss Coombs and L M in Gen Soc of Mrs Caroline Richards	\$11 15
Boothbay F B Ch for Miss Work	6 00
Dover and Foxcroft Aux by dues	4 50
Dover and Foxcroft by Mrs Mary E B Tourtillotte	1 00
Farmington Q M W M S for "Ollie" S O	12 00
Ft Fairfield Aux Miss Coombs's sal	13 00
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Steep Falls Jennie C Marshall for Miss Coombs's return passage	1 00
Springfield Q M Aux Coll Miss Coombs	9 00
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Waterville Aux by dues 7.70 T O 6.25	13 95
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Dover Hills H and F M Soc by F W and L E Demeritt for teacher Balasore	12 50
Gilmanton I W S S for Miss Barnes	4 00
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Vermont.

Enosburg Falls Aux Dr Smith's sal	2 00
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Huntington Asso W M S Dr Smith's sal	6 00
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Mrs Bernice A S Staine Garland Me	15 00
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Arlington Aux for Kind work	4 00
Carolina C R	6 63
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Pascoag Aux to make Mrs L A Dennett a L M T O	20 00
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Pawtucket C R	2 00
Providence Plainfield St Aux Ind	12 20
Providence Plainfield St T O Kind	13 61
Providence Elmwood Ave Aux Ind T O	24 00
Providence Elmwood Ave Kind	11 00

Providence Elmwood Ave C E Soc for child in India	6 25
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Pennsylvania.

Liberty F B W M S for H M and F M	6 60
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W Mansfield Aux T O	4 00
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Michigan.

Algansee W M S on \$1.00 Miss Barnes's sal	1 00
Gobleville Ch Soc for Lela W H	5 00
Gobleville Ch Mrs E W Clement T O	25
Maple Grove F B S S for Miss Barnes	2 30
Manchester W M S for Ellen at Midnapore	25 00
Michigan W M S for 1.00 Miss Barnes's sal	8 00
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Minnesota.

Minneapolis W M S for Calro Mission	5 00
Nashville Aux 9.75 T O 15.00 F M 12 H M	36 75

Iowa.

Bryantburg for Miss Scott	1 20
Central City Aux for Miss Scott	10 00
Central City Aux T O for Miss Scott	12 30
Fairbank Aux for Miss Scott	7 00
Lamont Aux for Miss Scott	3 25
Buchanan Q M Coll for Miss Scott	4 00
Spencer Q M Coll for Miss Scott	2 00
Waubeck Aux	2 25

Kansas.

Horton Jr C E for Miss Barnes	4 00
Horton F B S S for Miss Barnes	4 00
Summit C R	65
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New Brunswick.

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God lead thee on and up.

God lead thee on and up, whate'er may come
To jar upon thy life's unfinished story ;
Though in the rugged path that lies before thee
There stands an angel with a bitter cup,
Who bids thee stop and sup.
It is to strengthen thee for some high glory,
That is too great for thee, and needeth hope !
God lead thee on and up.

Thy hair may whiten, and thy heart seem broken ;
Let not despair have any place or throne.
Fight on as one who fighteth not alone,
But seeing the invisible. 'Tis spoken,
"I will not leave thee, nor remove thy light,"
The steps Divine flash in the path of right ;
Reach for the pierced Hand of help and hope.
God lead thee on and up.

—*Selected.*